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May 18, 2017

Oregon State Legislature  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
SubCommittee on Capital Construction  
Co-chair Senator Fred Girod  
Co-chair Paul Holvey

Re; SB 5530/Portland Harbor Superfund

Dear Co-chairs Girod and Holvey and Subcommittee Members:

On behalf of Willamette Riverkeeper and our members throughout the Willamette Valley, I send this letter in support of DEQ's work on the Portland Harbor Superfund site. Specifically, it is essential that DEQ receives the \$10 million as specified in SB 5530 with the establishment of the Portland Harbor Cleanup Fund.

With the release of the Record of Decision in January of 2017 by the US EPA, it is now more important than ever to begin this new critical chapter for the Willamette River's health. The funds dedicated to the Oregon DEQ will allow it and key partners to begin work to develop a baseline sampling plan, as well as other key elements in the coming year.

I urge you to support the request based on lottery bond funding. I very much appreciate your work on this budget issue, and your leadership and service to the State of Oregon. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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